

**Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)¹
State Incentive Grant (SIG) Summary Sheet
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Introduction

Nevada was awarded the State Incentive Grant (SIG) in 2003 to increase the capacity of the state's substance abuse prevention system by developing and supporting community coalitions throughout the state. The total amount of funding awarded for the project was \$9 million. The state issued a competitive RFA and funds were distributed to communities starting in July 2004. Funding under the SIG will continue throughout SFY 2007.

Purpose of the SIG

The purpose of the SIG was to increase the capacity of the prevention system in Nevada and implement best practice prevention programming throughout the state. The grant focused on reducing substance abuse risk factors among 12-24 year olds.

SIG accomplishments

The SIG has enhanced the ability of Nevada's diverse communities to implement evidence-based and best practice substance abuse prevention programs and services. This grant, which is in its final year, has successfully accomplished three major goals: (1) enhance the local substance abuse prevention infrastructure and capacity to implement effective prevention services; (2) leverage existing and new prevention funding sources to sustain prevention activities at the community level; and (3) increase the number of evidence-based prevention programs statewide. The state has achieved these goals by delegating the primary responsibility for planning and implementation to the community coalitions across the state. This has allowed the local community to take increased ownership in the effectiveness of prevention activities in their areas. The SIG has allowed Nevada to increase the local capacity to provide quality and effective research-driven programs statewide.

This project has been implemented through the collaboration of many federal and state agencies that have participated throughout the life of the grant in the decision-making process, analysis of data and plans, and providing support and technical assistance to the local program providers. State agencies that have been involved in this process have include (but not been limited to) the State Division of Child and Family Services, State Health Division, Governor's Youth Advisory Committee, Department of Education, and providers from across the state.

SIG Statistics

- To date approximately 95,000 participants have been served by the SIG evidence-based programs.
- Thirteen coalitions, serving all counties in Nevada, were funded. The table that follows presented the number of coalitions supported by SAPTA by county served.

¹ The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS), Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA), was previously known as the Health Division, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BADA).

Substance Abuse Coalition by County Served

County	Coalition
Carson City	Community Council on Youth
Churchill	Churchill Community Coalition
Clark	Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (BEST) Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free Nevada
Clark	Goshen Community Development Coalition
Douglas	Partnership of Community Resources
Elko	Partners Allied for Community Excellence (PACE) Community Coalition
Esmeralda	Nye Communities Coalition
Eureka	Eastern Nevada Community Coalition
Humboldt	Frontier Community Coalition
Lander	Frontier Community Coalition
Lincoln	Eastern Nevada Community Coalition
Lyon	Healthy Communities Coalitions of Lyon and Storey Counties
Mineral	Healthy Communities Coalitions of Lyon and Storey Counties
Nye	Nye Communities Coalition
Pershing	Frontier Community Coalition
Storey	Healthy Communities Coalitions of Lyon and Storey Counties
Washoe	Join Together Northern Nevada
White Pine	Eastern Nevada Community Coalition
Southern Nevada	Luz Community Development
Statewide	Statewide Native American Coalition

- Fifty-one evidence-based programs were funded through the coalitions.
- Summary of the evidence-based programs:
 - SAMHSA evidence-based program type:
 - **94.1%** are model
 - **2.0%** are promising
 - **3.9%** are unproven
 - CSAP strategy:
 - **62.1%** fall under Prevention Education
 - **18.2%** fall under Community Based/Environmental
 - **13.6%** fall under Information Dissemination
 - **6.1%** fall under Alternative Activities
 - Target population:
 - **50.0%** are targeted toward Youth/Adolescents
 - **31.7%** are targeted toward Adults/Parents
 - **16.7%** are targeted toward the Public

Nevada State Incentive Grant (SIG) State Advisory Committee and Their Role

The Nevada SIG State Advisory Committee is a volunteer working group responsible for providing strategic and operational guidance to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency, which is the lead agency for the SIG Project.

Evaluation and Success

While the final evaluation report on this project will not be completed until August 2007, the list of indicators below shows declines in many of the focus areas of the SIG. If SAPTA is to sustain the outcomes that are beginning to be shown in the current data for Nevada, we must sustain the level of effort that is supporting them and the programs and strategies currently being implemented through the SIG are instrumental in that sustainability. Below is a list of outcomes that relate to the overall goals of the current SIG funding and have been being addressed by communities during the implementation of the project.

Outcome: Abstinence from Drug/Alcohol Abuse

Prevention Measure: The percentage of Nevada youth reporting first use of alcohol before age 13 decreased by 7% from 1999 to 2005 (1999-2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, YRBS).

Prevention Measure: The percentage of Nevada youth reporting alcohol within the last 30 days decreased by 12% from 1999 to 2005 (1999-2005 YRBS).

Prevention Measure: The percentage of Nevada youth who have used methamphetamines one or more times during their lifetime decreased by 4.5% from 1999 to 2005 (1999-2005 YRBS).

Prevention Measure: The percentage of Nevada youth reporting first use of marijuana before the age of 13 decreased by 3.5% from 1999 to 2005 (1999-2005 YRBS).

Prevention Measure: The percentage of Nevada youth reporting marijuana use one or more times during their lifetime decreased by 10.2% from 1999 to 2005 (1999-2005 YRBS).

Outcome: Increased/Retained Employment or Return to/Stay in School

Prevention Measure: The percentage of high school dropouts in Nevada decreased from 6.3% to 5.7% between school year 2001-2002 and school year 2004-2005 (Nevada Department of Education. State Accountability Comprehensive Report and Nevada Report Card, 2000-2005).

Outcome: Decreased Criminal Justice Involvement

Prevention Measure: The rate of drug related juvenile referrals have decreased by 1.1 referrals per 100,000 juvenile population from 2001 to 2004 (Nevada Division of Child and Family Services. Nevada Juvenile Justice Data Collection 2001-2004).